

**From:** (DNS Wales)  
**Sent:** 08 December 2020 15:37  
**To:** (Coriolis Energy)  
**Cc:** (Natural Power); (Thirty 4/7)  
**Subject:** RE: 3264571 DNS - Y Bryn Wind Farm: Inception Meeting

Hi ,

Nice to meet you all earlier.

In terms of examination costs, as you will be aware from looking at the relevant schedule of fees, each examination will vary in total cost mainly based on the number of Inspector days spent on the examination. As well as the fixed fees and the hourly and daily rates set by the fees regulations, there are also 'actuals' costs incurred in the examination that are passed on to the applicant (e.g. Inspector Travel and Subsistence costs or, where necessary, Welsh Government legal fees). We do not publish any records of past examination costs.

The following table shows the number of Inspector days charged on past examinations. Together with the available information on fees (summarised in the attached document), I hope this will help you with your estimates.

In terms of timescales for determination, Section 62L of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) sets a 36 week determination period (252 days from formal acceptance to the final decisions). This determination period can be suspended if necessary, e.g. to allow submission of further information / consultation on that information. Minus any suspension time, all decisions to date have been issued within the 252 days.

Reference	Scheme	Inspector Days charged (rounded up to whole days)	Suspension days	Start Date to Submission of Inspector's Report to Welsh Government	Start Date to Final Decision
<a href="#"><u>3213968</u></a> (formerly <a href="#"><u>3150137</u></a> )	Llanwern Solar	59	56	220	248
<a href="#"><u>3213873</u></a> (formerly <a href="#"><u>3151903</u></a> )	Sudbrook STOR	28	0	128	156
<a href="#"><u>3214300</u></a> (formerly <a href="#"><u>3163511</u></a> )	Valero Cogeneration	23	0	111	148
<a href="#"><u>3214296</u></a> (formerly <a href="#"><u>3146073</u></a> )	Egnedol Biomass	54	301	516	552

<u>3213639</u> (formerly <u>3154384</u> )	Wauntyssw g Solar	44	111	252	363
<u>3213487</u>	Coed Darcy STOR	28	0	122	199
<u>3213704</u>	Felindre Road STOR	20	0	154	247

I've attached the DNS fee sheet that Chris uploaded earlier, and some examples of previous pre-application advice that we've provided. They are all available on the respective project page on the DNS Portal, but thought this was a more helpful way to provide them.

The Regulations that cover the pre-app services that the LPAs have to

We'll circulate the draft note tomorrow, and when it's agreed it will be published here:  
<https://dns.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/y-bryn-wind-farm/>

As I said, if I've forgotten to include anything, please let me know.

All the best

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**From:** (DNS Wales)

**Sent:** 07 December 2020 09:30

**To:** (Coriolis Energy)

**Subject:** RE: Y Bryn Wind Farm: Inception Meeting: potential date 08 December

Hello ,

Thank you for your e-mail.

We will take a note of the meeting for publication, but we will circulate it to agree the content before it is finalised, and if it is necessary to record anything that is sensitive in that note, we could delay publication of that document until you reach Notification stage.

I look forward to meeting you tomorrow.

Best wishes,

**From:** (Coriolis Energy)

**Sent:** 04 December 2020 16:44

**To:** (DNS Wales)

**Subject:** RE: Y Bryn Wind Farm: Inception Meeting: potential date 08 December

Hi ,

Responses as requested below.

- *Development description:* Y Bryn – a wind farm comprising up to 26 turbines and battery storage
- *Site address:* Land at Bryn and Penhydd forests, located between Port Talbot and Maesteg
- *Any other info:* nothing necessary to outline in advance, we'll run through everything in our presentation
- *Publication:* no need for delay in publicising details on DNS Portal. Can I just confirm what details/ correspondence/ documents will be published? Only (for example) there may be some commercially sensitive info in our presentation re e.g. site access third party options.
- *Names of e-address of attendees:*
  - Trevor Hunter (Project Manager, Coriolis Energy): [trevor.hunter@coriolis-energy.com](mailto:trevor.hunter@coriolis-energy.com)
  - Ffion Edwards (EIA Coordinator, Natural Power): [ffione@naturalpower.com](mailto:ffione@naturalpower.com)
  - Will Morgan (Communications support, Thirty4/7): [will.morgan@thirty47.co.uk](mailto:will.morgan@thirty47.co.uk)
- *Agenda:* standard is fine, we will have prepared a presentation for us to run through

Let me know if there is anything else required. Look forward to meeting!

Best regards,

Project Manager

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**From:** (DNS Wales)

**Sent:** 27 November 2020 08:08

**To:** (Coriolis Energy)

**Subject:** RE: Y Bryn Wind Farm: Inception Meeting: potential date 08 December

Dear ,

Thank you for your e-mail. The Planning Inspectorate will normally hold an Inception Meeting regarding a project to ensure that everyone understands the process at an early stage.

We have been able to undertake Inception Meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams (the Planning Inspectorate and Welsh Government can both use this system, whereas other tools such as Zoom are not suitable).

Would Tuesday 08 December be convenient for a meeting? If so, please let me have your preferred start time (between 10:00 and 15:00). I can then send the Teams meeting invite.

It will help us to make effective use of our time at the meeting if all attendees are able to familiarise themselves with [the guidance](#) beforehand. We will aim to set this case up on our system before the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, please provide your preferred description of development and an indication of the application site. We try to be as transparent as possible in relation to Developments of National Significance, and publish details of potential cases as soon as practicable (the list of applications / potential applications can be found on the DNS Portal). However, we do understand that sometimes there are commercial sensitivities involved in publishing details of a case before a developer is ready. If applicants have concerns over immediate publication undermining their engagement strategy, we can delay publishing a record of a potential case until the first statutory step (potentially EIA Screening / Scoping / Notification of intention to submit an application).

Please let me know if you have any suggested changes to the standard agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Developer to provide Development Proposal Overview, including any Secondary Consents
3. Publicity requirements
4. Consultation requirements
5. EIA: Progress to date
6. Planning Inspectorate / Welsh Government to answer queries about the application process
7. Planning Inspectorate / Welsh Government to outline programme for determination
8. AOB

If you are interested in an Inception Meeting, I look forward to your response regarding:

- Your preferred description of development (e.g. Y Bryn: A wind farm, comprising up to 26 turbines and battery energy storage)
- Site address
- Any other information regarding the scheme you wish us to be familiar with prior to the meeting
- Whether your client wishes to delay publication of the details on the DNS Portal
- Names & E-mail addresses of your attendees
- Any changes to the standard agenda
- Preferred date and start time (between 10:00 and 16:00) for a one hour Inception Meeting

If you have any queries, please feel free to ring us on 0303 444 5958.

Best wishes,

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**From:** (Coriolis Energy)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 26, 2020 4:22:02 PM

**To:** (DNS Wales)

**Subject:** Y Bryn Wind Farm

Dear PINs,

I am very pleased to be able to write to you for the first time regarding a new DNS project of ours – Y Bryn Wind Farm, located on NRW managed forestry land between Port Talbot and Maesteg.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to introduce you to the project, where we are up to and what our planned trajectory is, if somebody might be available for a Zoom/Teams/Skype call sometime over the next fortnight or so?

Briefly, Y Bryn is a scheme comprising up to 26 turbines and battery energy storage. The site was tendered by NRW in 2018; Coriolis Energy and our development partners ESB were identified successful bidders in mid-2019. We have been undertaking bird surveys since winter 2019/2020, and will shortly be looking to submit a Scoping Report, likely to be early in the new year.

Public consultation was planned to commence from early 2021, but has now been delayed until the Spring when hopefully the Covid situation will have relented somewhat. We do have a Draft Consultation Plan that we're also planning to consult with you on, alongside the relevant LPAs – Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend.

If someone could get back to me with available dates/times then I look forward to meeting (virtually) with you!

Best regards,

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